[Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai.]

the concession. As I said, there are backward Christian communities, for example Christian Cheramars and Christian Sambavars are backward in education. When members of these communities apply for appointment, they are given the same concessions as similar Hindu backward communities.

Statement, by communities, of medical officers.

46. * **Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju** : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by communities, of the Surgeons, Deputy Surgeons, Assistant Surgeons, and Sub-Assistant Surgeons in the Medical Department ?

Mr. James Simpson (*Surgeon-General*) : A *statement is placed on the table.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail (*Nominated*) : May I know whether there are any Muslim applicants ?

Mr. James Simpson : There were some last year.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail : How many ?

Mr. James Simpson : I do not know the exact number.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail : What action was taken in regard to the recruitment of Muslims ?

Mr. James Simpson : It is entirely a matter for the Public Service Commissioner.

Upputhara village in Peermade taluk.

47. * **Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of families now living at Upputhara in the Peermade taluk ; and

(*b*) the distance from Upputhara to the nearest hospital Anchal Office and school ?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar : (*a*) About 450.

(*b*) The nearest medical institution is Bonami grant-in-aid dispensary. It is nearly 13 miles from Upputhara. There is another dispensary in the Cheenthalar Estate about three miles from Upputhara ; but the public cannot get free medical aid from there as it is not a grant-in-aid dispensary. The nearest Anchal Office is Bonami, nearly thirteen miles from Upputhara. There is a grant-in-aid primary school at Upputhara.

Construction of a bridge across the Muleplakkal thodu.

48. * **Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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